

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

door into the sheepfold ; he whose own the sheep are not, careth not to guard them from the invading wolves, from the roaring lions that are seeking to devour. Say, we beseech thee, O Queen, to the King : My only Son and my Lord, who didst lay down Thy life for all these, who didst redeem them by Thy precious blood, to place them on Thy right hand at the Day of Judgment; do Thou, the charioteer and the chariot of Israel, deliver them from the spoiler, and appoint a ruler and a shepherd over them. Instead of Adonijah who hath exalted himself in his pride, appoint unto them a meek and peaceful Solomon." ¹ An encyclical letter signed by all the cardinals at Anagni was then read aloud, denouncing the intrusion into the papacy of the late Archbishop of Ban, declaring that they had only elected him to escape the peril of death, anathematizing him as an antipope, a deceiver and destroyer of Christians. They had previously addressed a letter to him in similar terms, exhorting him, " by the bowels of the mercy of Jesus Christ, whose Church and Spouse thou hast not blushed to invade," to lay down his usurped dignity, and strive to make amends by true penitence.² On August 27, for greater security, the Sacred College moved from Anagni to Fondi, to hold a fresh election under the protection of Onorato Gaetani.

The three Italian cardinals were now at Subiaco, where they kept in touch with both parties by letters and messengers, labouring, as they afterwards declared, " to deliver the Church from scandal and division, and to bring about her peace and union." At length, on September 4, they wrote to Urban from Suessa that they were about to take action, and were awaiting an answer from the other cardinals to know how to proceed. Shortly afterwards, they joined the Sacred College at Fondi ; there is some evidence, from Clementine as well as Urbanist sources, that each of the three believed that he himself was to be the new Pope.⁸

¹ *Archivio Vaticano*, LIV. 31, ff. 4^v-7 p. Many MSS. of this sermon have been preserved.

² Texts in Du Boulay, IV. pp. 467-478.

⁸ Cf. Gayet, doc. 27 ; T. de Nyem, I. 10 ; Baluze, I. col. 1237.